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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Branch, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Request for Special Clearances for [redacted]

1. At the DD/P Staff Meeting on 10 August, Mr. Helms announced that [redacted] who until June was [redacted] and on 7 August became [redacted] has been designated within the DD/P as [redacted]. Mr. Helms stated that [redacted] will be the focal point within DD/P for all actions which may have to be taken over the next few months in relation to the Agency's part in the United States posture there.

2. In view of the fact that circumstances may well arise where Project IDEALIST capabilities become involved in [redacted] situation, and because I would not exclude the possibility that useful intelligence may also be derived in this area from Project CORONA, after the meeting I suggested to Mr. Helms that it might be useful if [redacted] were briefed on these two Projects at this time to acquaint him with the capability inherent in both. With this suggestion Mr. Helms was in complete agreement and asked me to proceed to make the necessary arrangements.

3. Accordingly, I should like to ask you if you would proceed to clear [redacted] for IDEALIST and CORONA as expeditiously as you can. I should also like to ask you to arrange for a "T" clearance for him. I intend to discuss with Mr. Parangosky, and possibly Mr. Bissell, the question of a "TKH" for [redacted] as a separate but related matter, and I will advise you of the recommendation here as well. Please let me know when your arrangements are finalized so that we may set up an appropriate briefing in the Control Center and arrange for a subsequent "T" briefing at NPIC.

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